

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING November 15, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Roxanne Wadman, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, David Cordell and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT: Director Marc Liechti

Director Wadman called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Brad Koenig & Austin Wargo with Robert Peccia and Associates via Zoom.

General Manager Olson introduced Brad and Austin to the Board and guided the conversation about the proposed Flathead County septage receiving. General Manager Olson explained to the board that the meeting with Brad and Austin was at the request of Flathead County's engineering firm, HDR, to determine a proposed charge for plant investment costs, monthly billing, and development fees based on the predicted flow (gallons per day) that HDR provided. Brad and Austin provided a handout with several proposed fee structures. The Board discussed the pros and cons to each option keeping in mind that the proposal was for planning purposes only. A motion was made by Director Cordell to present a development fee cost of 324 equivalent dwelling units (EDU) at a 185 gallon per day (GDP) flow. While charging a discounted facility base rate of 30% due to the proximity to the treatment site and a standard usage rate consistent with all rate payers because the septage will be treated to household level before entering the treatment site. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried. General Manager Olson clarified that this will be an ongoing discussion, as the project is still in the preliminary stage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the October 18, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Fleming to accept the minutes as presented. Director Cordell seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Cordell to approve the financial report. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for October 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for October 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Cordell to approve the bills. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson stated that the ARPA planning is moving along. He noted that he had a meeting with the DNRC, Robert Peccia and Associates engineers, and the bond council in regard to the timeline for bids.

Septage Receiving Station: General Manager Olson noted that there had been recent news coverage about Flathead County's septage receiving station. General Manager Olson stated that he had received a couple of phone calls from surrounding landowners about the proposed project. General Manager Olson stated that on Friday, November 18th, there will be a team of people touring the District, including Flathead County Commissioners and ARPA specialists regarding the proposed facility site.

South 80 Generator: General Manager Olson stated that, at this time, the District is waiting on the electrician to complete the project. He expects that the work will be completed by mid-December.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hall and Brass Wells: General Manager Olson informed the Board that a recent storm that passed through the area caused a tree limb to fall on a power line, creating a back surge of electricity, destroying the new pump motor in the Hall well on Brass rd. General Manager Olson will be submitting an insurance claim for the damages. He did note that the Brass well only suffered three burned fuses as a result of the electrical surge.

MISCELLANEOUS: The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022)